

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill.

The House passed H.R. 4578, Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations 2001.

The House passed S. 2722, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed W. Freeman, for conspicuous acts of gallantry during the Vietnam War, James K. Okubo, for conspicuous acts of gallantry during World War II, and Andrew J. Smith, conspicuous acts of gallantry during the Civil War—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5165–S5280

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2732–2746, and S. Con. Res. 123. **Pages S5240–41**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 11, for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.

S. 150, to the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Mifakhov.

S. 451, for the relief of Saeed Rezai.

S. 1078, for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey and her children, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, Jacob Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1513, for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.

S. 2019, for the relief of Malia Miller. **Page S5240**

Measures Passed:

Transportation Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 132), Senate passed H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S5166–86, S5188–S5215

Adopted:

Shelby (for McCain) Amendment No. 3441, to require a cap on the total amount of Federal funds invested in Boston's "Big Dig" project. **Pages S5182–84**

Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3443, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress and the President should immediately take steps to address the growing safety hazard associated with the

lack of adequate parking space for trucks along Interstate highways. **Pages S5182–84**

Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3445, to provide for a study on noise impacts of railroad operations, including idling train engines on the quality of life of nearby communities, the quality of the environment (including consideration of air pollution), and safety. **Pages S5182–84**

Shelby (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 3432, to make grants to carry out the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot program.

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Lautenberg (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 3436, to provide \$10,000,000 for the costs associated with construction of a third track on the Northeast Corridor between Davisville and Central Falls, Rhode Island. **Pages S5184–86**

Lautenberg (for Kohl) Modified Amendment No. 3438, to state the sense of the Senate regarding funding for Coast Guard acquisitions and for Coast Guard operations during fiscal year 2001.

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Lautenberg (for Dodd) Modified Amendment No. 3447, to provide that new starts funding shall be available for a project to re-electrify the rail line between Danbury, Connecticut and Norwalk, Connecticut. **Pages S5184–86**

Shelby (for Cochran) Amendment No. 3451, to make available funds previously appropriated for the Star Landing Road project in DeSoto County, Mississippi. **Pages S5184–86**

Lautenberg (for Baucus/Burns) Amendment No. 3452, to provide that the non-Federal share of project number 1646 in section 1602 of Public Law No. 105–178, may be funded by Federal funds from an agency or agencies not part of the Department of Transportation. **Pages S5184–86**

Shelby (for Nickles) Amendment No. 3453, to provide for the conveyance of airport property to an institution of higher education in Oklahoma.

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Shelby (for McCain) Amendment No. 3440, to condition the use by the FAA Airport Office of non-safety related funds on the FAA's completion of its investigation in Docket No. 13–95–05.

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By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 131), Allard Amendment No. 3430, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, for reduction of the public debt.

Pages S5177–78, S5189–90

Shelby Amendment No. 3454, designating the New Jersey Transit commuter rail station to be located at the intersection of the Main/Bergen line and the Northeast Corridor line in the State of New Jersey shall be known and designated as the "Frank R. Lautenberg Transfer Station".

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Withdrawn:

Collins (for Collins/Schumer) Amendment No. 3439, to express the sense of the Senate that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve should be used to address high crude oil and gasoline prices.

Pages S5173–76

Wyden Amendment No. 3433, to require the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation to review certain airline customer service practices and to make recommendations for reform.

Pages S5178–80

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 130), Senate failed to uphold the defense of germaneness with regard to Voinovich Amendment No. 3434, to provide increased flexibility in use of highway funding, therefore, the amendment was ruled as not germane, and thus fell.

Pages S5168–73

Senate agreed to a modified motion to instruct conferees on the part of the Senate to accept section 318 of the bill as passed by the House of Representatives, but to authorize the Department of Transportation, pursuant to a study by the National Academy of Sciences, in conjunction with the DOT, to recommend, but not to promulgate without approval by a Joint Resolution of Congress, appropriate corporate average fuel efficiency standards.

Pages S5197–S5214

Senate insisted on its amendment, and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, following adoption of the modified motion to instruct the conferees (listed above), the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Shelby, Domenici, Specter, Bond, Gorton, Bennett, Campbell, Stevens, Lautenberg, Byrd, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, and Inouye.

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U.S. Army 225th Birthday Recognition: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 101, recognizing the

225th birthday of the United States Army, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measure Indefinitely Postponed:

Transportation Appropriations: S. 2720, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report of S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces.

Pages S5215–31

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report, with a vote to occur thereon, on Friday, June 16, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

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Appointment:

Federal Judicial Center Foundation: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100–702, appointed Richard D. Casey, of South Dakota, to the board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nominations of Laura Taylor Swain, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Beverly B. Martin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, on Friday, June 16, 2000.

Defense Authorization—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Monday, June 19, 2000, at 3 p.m., and Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 2522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, on Tuesday, June 20, 2000.

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Messages From the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees: Page S5279
Additional Statements: Pages S5237–39
Privileges of the Floor: Page S5279
Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—132) Pages S5173, S5189, S5197

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 16, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5280.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2487, to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2438, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1510, to revise the laws of the United States appertaining to United States cruise vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1534, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1687, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission, with amendments;

S. 2440, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2412, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003;

S. 893, to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels; and

The nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, Robert W. Baker, of Texas, Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, Geoffrey T. Crowley, of Wisconsin, Robert A. Davis, of Washington, and Kendall W. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council, Department of Transportation; Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner; and a nomination list for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

FOREIGN OIL SOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on certain provisions of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, after receiving testimony from Senator Jeffords; former Senator Johnston, J. Bennett Johnston and Associates, Washington D.C.; Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary of Energy for Science, Energy and Environment; Richard L. Lawson, National Mining Association, Steven E. Plotkin, Center for Transportation Research, Argonne National Laboratory, and Jaime Steve, American Wind Energy Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Jerry Jordan, Jordan Energy, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the National Stripper Well Association; and Paul Vermeylen, Meenan Oil Co., Syosset, New York, on behalf of the Independent Fuel Terminal Operators Association.

CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to examine a General Accounting Office report on the problems which plague the Concessions Management Program of the National Park Service, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Philip H. Voorhees, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association.

HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL EMISSION RULE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine Environmental Protection Agency emission standards for heavy duty trucks and buses and the accompanying low sulfur requirement for diesel fuel, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; J. Louis Frank, Marathon Ashland Petroleum, Findlay, Ohio; Jerry Thompson, Citgo Petroleum Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association; Robert J. Looney, Cenax Harvest States Cooperative, on behalf of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, David S. Addington, American Trucking Associations, Inc., and Bruce Bertelsen, Manufacturers of Emission

Controls Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and James A. Haslam, III, Pilot Oil Corporation, Knoxville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the report of the National Commission on Terrorism evaluating the changing threat of international terrorism and United States laws, policies, and practices for preventing and punishing terrorism aimed at U.S. citizens, receiving testimony from L. Paul Bremer, III, Chairman, and Maurice Sonnenberg, Vice Chairman, both of the National Commission on Terrorism; Michael A. Sheehan, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Dale L. Watson, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James S. Reynolds, Chief, Terrorism and Violent Crime Section, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 11, for the relief of Wei Jingsheng;

S. 150, to the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Mifakhov;

S. 451, for the relief of Saeed Rezaei;

S. 1078, for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey and her children, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1513, for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas;

S. 2019, for the relief of Malia Miller; and

The following nominations of Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico; Beverly B. Martin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia; Laura Taylor Swain, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; Julio F. Mercado, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement Department of Justice; Daniel G. Webber, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma; James L. Whigham, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois; and Russell John Qualliotine, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4669–4689, and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 354–355, were introduced. **Pages H4590–91**

Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations 2001: The House agreed to H. Res. 525, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 232 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 278.

Pages H4489–98

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations 2001: The House passed H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 204 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 291. The House previously considered the bill on June 13 and June 14.

Pages H4498–H4585

Rejected the Dicks motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back with an amendment to in-

crease funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$15 million, the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$5 million, and Office of Museum Services by \$2 million by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 290. **Pages H4584–85**

Agreed To:

Dicks amendment that exempts activities otherwise authorized by law related to the planing and management of national monuments or activities related to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan from any limitations imposed under the Act (agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 281); **Pages H4500–20**

Slaughter amendment that defers an additional \$22 million of prior year clean coal technology funding (agreed to by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 283); **Pages H4524–38, H4539–40**

Sanders amendment No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for weatherization assistance and energy conservation programs by \$45 million and reduces fossil fuel energy research and development programs accordingly;

Pages H4544–50, H4555

Nethercutt amendment that increases funding for the Indian Health Service by \$22 million;

Pages H4559–69

Nethercutt amendment that implements the previously agreed to Dicks amendment except for activities related to planning and management of national monuments (agreed to by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 288); **Pages H4573–74**

Kelly amendment that clarifies the activities of the Council on Environmental Quality or other offices in the Executive Office of the President for purposes related to the American Heritage Rivers Program; **Pages H4574–75**

Doolittle amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record that prohibits the Forest Service from buying vehicles painted any color other than white; **Page H4575**

Wilson amendment, as amended by Udall of New Mexico, that prohibits any funding to be used by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, or the Forest Service to conduct a prescribed burn of Federal land if any provisions of the Federal Wildland Fire Policy are not implemented (the underlying Wilson amendment similarly required compliance with the Federal Wildland Fire Policy accepted and endorsed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior in December 1995); **Page H4577**

Rejected:

Nethercutt amendment to the Dicks amendment that sought to strike reference to activities related to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan (rejected by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 279); **Pages H4501–08**

Hansen amendment to the Dicks amendment that sought to strike reference to the planning and management of national monuments (rejected by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 280). **Pages H4510–19**

Stearns amendment, as modified, that sought to decrease National Endowment for the Arts funding by \$1.9 million or approximately 2 % and increase wildland fire management funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 282). **Pages H4520–22, H4538–39**

Royce amendment that sought to increase the deferral of prior years clean coal technology funding by \$237 million; **Pages H4541–44, H4555**

Sanders amendment No. 29 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to make available \$10 million to establish a northeast home heating oil reserve and transfer strategic petroleum reserve funding for this purpose (rejected by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 286); **Pages H4550–55, H4556**

DeFazio amendment No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to assess fines for failure to pay fees for vehicle passes imposed under the recreational fee demonstration program; and **Pages H4575–76**

Weldon of Florida amendment No. 48 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funding to be used to publish Class III gaming

procedures under part 291 of title 25, code of Federal Regulations (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 289). **Pages H4578–82**

Withdrawn:

DeFazio amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to enter into a new commercial agricultural lease on the Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges in Oregon and California. **Page H4575**

Point of Order Sustained Against:

Young of Alaska amendment No. 50 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to implement the North Prince of Wales Island Collaborative Stewardship Project for negotiated salvage permits. **Pages H4576–77**

Rejected the Obey motion to rise by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 284. **Pages H4540–41**

Rejected the Doggett motion to rise by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 287. **Pages H4556–57**

The House agreed to H. Res. 524, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on June 13.

Authorizing the Medal of Honor for Conspicuous Acts of Gallantry and Intrepidity at the Risk of Their Lives and Beyond the Call of Duty: The House passed S. 2722, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed W. Freeman, James K. Okubo, and Andrew J. Smith—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H4586–87**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader discussed the legislative Program for the week of June 19. **Page H4585**

Meeting Hour—Monday June 19: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m., on Monday, June 19, for morning hour debate. **Page H4587**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of June 21. **Page H4587**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4498.

Referrals: S. 1967 was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. 2498 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H4587**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4593.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 285), one yea and nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4497–98, H4508–09, H4518–19, H4519–20, H4538–39, H4539–40, H4540–41, H4555–56, H4556, H4556–57, H4574, H4582–83, H4584–85, and H4585.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:25 a.m. on Friday, June 16.

Committee Meetings

HOUSING FINANCE REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings on improving regulation of housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, Housing, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 21.

INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FACA: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled: "FACA: Conflicts of Interest and Vaccine Development—Preserving the Integrity of the Process." Testimony was heard from James L. Dean, Director, Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA; Marilyn L. Glynn, General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Linda A. Suydam, Senior Associate Commissioner, FDA; and Dixie Snider, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control.

F-22 COST CONTROLS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "F-22 Cost Controls: Will Production Cost Savings Materialize?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO: Allen Li, Associate Director; and Leonard L. Benson, Senior Evaluator; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Darleen A. Druyun; Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition Management, U.S. Air Force; and George Schneider, Director, Strategic and Tactical Systems.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSEAS PRESENCE ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 352, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding manipulation of the mass media and intimidation of the independent press in the Russian Federation, expressing support for freedom of speech and the inde-

pendent media in the Russian Federation, and calling on the President of the United States to express his strong concern for freedom of speech and the independent media in the Russian Federation; H. Res. 500, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the violence, breakdown of rule of law, and troubled pre-election period in the Republic of Zimbabwe; H. Con. Res. 275, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements; and H. Res. 259, supporting the goals and ideals of the Olympics.

The Committee also held a hearing on Progress on Implementing Overseas Presence Advisory Panel Recommendations. Testimony was heard from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNET-COPYRIGHTED WEBCAST PROGRAMMING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Copyrighted Webcast Programming on the Internet. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—DRUGS THREAT POSED

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4033, amended, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000; and H.R. 4640, DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on "The Threat Posed by the Illegal Importation, Trafficking, and Use of Ecstasy and Other 'Club' Drugs." Testimony was heard from Lewis Rice, Jr., Special Agent in Charge, New York Division, DEA, Department of Justice; John Varrone, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pombo; John R. Fraser, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; Cindy Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources approved for full Committee action H.R. 3432, to direct the Minerals Management Service to grant the State of Louisiana and its lessees

a credit in the payment of Federal offshore royalties to satisfy the authorization for compensation contained in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 for oil and gas drainage in the West Delta Field.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; and H.R. 4340, Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Representatives Udall of New Mexico and Skeen; Kathy Karpan, Acting Principal Deputy, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CENTENNIAL ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4442, National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act. Testimony was heard from Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 1275, Hoover Dam Miscellaneous Sales Act; H.R. 2984, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska; H.R. 3595, amended, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; S. 986, Griffin Project Prepayment and Conveyance Act; H.R. 1787, Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 4389, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Inte-

rior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; H.R. 1113, Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act; and H.R. 2348, amended, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

SMALL BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN—REGULATORY FAIRNESS PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hearing on the Small Business Ombudsman and the Regulatory Fairness Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNITED-U.S. AIRWAYS—PROPOSED MERGER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Concluded hearings on the Proposed United-US Airways Merger. Testimony was heard from Representatives Myrick and Slaughter; D. Michael Fisher, Attorney General, State of Pennsylvania; Mike Hatch, Attorney General, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

UNITED STATES-VIETNAM RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States-Vietnam Relations, including the renewal of Vietnam's waiver under the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974. Testimony was heard from Representative Rohrabacher; Douglas Peterson, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on S. 761, Electronic Signatures in Global National Commerce Act, with a vote to occur thereon; following which, the Senate will consider the nominations of Laura Taylor Swain, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Beverly B. Martin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Also, following the confirmation of the aforementioned nominations, the Senate will begin a period of morning business, at which time four Senators will be recognized for speeches.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 19

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of H.R. 4635, VA, HUD Appropriations 2001 (open rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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